

## CHAPTER 2

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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2000, Purpose. This chapter provides uniform explanation of terms to be applied to this regulation when the word or phrase appears in more than one chapter. Explanations of terms appearing elsewhere in this regulation apply only to that specific chapter.

2001. Terms defined. a. *Accompanied baggage*. All baggage carried by or accompanying a passenger while in travel status.

(1) *Hand/cabin baggage*. All private or public property carried aboard an aircraft or vessel by a passenger, or otherwise delivered to the cabin or troop space of a vessel. It is normally available to the passenger during travel.

(2) *Checked/hold baggage*. All private or public property accepted from a passenger and checked for him/her at the time he/she is processed for transportation. It is stowed in the baggage compartment/area of an aircraft or in the hold of a vessel. It is not normally available to the passenger during travel.

b. *Accreditation*. The status accorded to specific oversea military customs activities by US Customs Service (USCS) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA), whereby inspections performed overseas by such activities are accepted by US Customs on clearance at the US port of entry. Accreditation is based on on-site evaluations by USCS advisors, or other appropriate USCS and USDA officials, and is promulgated through identification of specific customs stamps numbers associated with the accredited activity. Maintenance of accreditation is continually evaluated through advisor/official followup visits and-reinspection validity checks by USCS/USDA at the US ports of entry.

c. *Amnesty box*. A suitable slotted receptacle for small packages from which contents can be recovered only by opening a locking device.

d. *Border clearance*. Authority or documents indicating compliance with the laws and regulations of the Federal agencies of the United States, including those of the US Customs Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of Treasury; Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Department of Transportation; US Department of Agriculture; US Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

e. *Contraband*. Material, goods, plant and animal products, or pests, and articles prohibited entry into the customs territory of the United States, including controlled substances, as identified in 21 U.S.C. 812, and restricted items when the conditions of the restriction have not been met.

f. *Controlled substances*. As used in this regulation, controlled substances are defined as drugs, narcotics, and other items of such nature that their possession or use is prohibited in all cases, except by medical prescription, as specified in 21 U.S.C. 812.

g. *Customs Territory of the United States (CTUS)*. The 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico (19 U.S.C. 1202). Not included are American Samoa, Guam, Johnston Island, Midway Island, Virgin Islands of the US, Wake Island, or the Panama Canal Zone.

h. *Defense Transportation System*. The Defense Transportation System (DTS) consists of military controlled terminal facilities, Military Airlift Command (MAC) controlled airlift, Military Sealift Command (MSC) controlled and arranged sealift, and Government-owned and controlled air and land transportation.

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*i. Examination.* The process of scrutinizing personal property, parcel mail, and other DOD cargo, including the physical opening of baggage, parcels, cartons, and containers and disassembly of articles, as required, and ascertaining the contents thereof. Examination of personnel involves the physical search for contraband.

*j. Inspection.* The detailed observation of personal property, letter and parcel mail, and other DOD cargo, noting their markings and outer physical characteristics. Inspection of personnel involves observation and/or oral questioning to determine the potential for customs violations.

*k. Member.* The military member or civilian employee of DOD (or authorized agent) for whom services are being provided under the provisions of this regulation.

*1. Military Customs Inspector (MCI).* Commissioned officers; warrant officers; enlisted personnel with the rank of E4 or above; enlisted security or military police personnel, regardless of rank, who have satisfactorily completed a US Customs-approved training course and work under direct supervision of a noncommissioned officer; and Department of Defense civilian employees who are citizens of the United States with GS-5 or above grade.

(1) A waiver maybe granted for appointment of enlisted personnel below the grade of E-4 by the unified or specified commander.

(2) A waiver maybe granted for appointment of other US citizens employed by the Department of Defense as inspectors at specific locations where need for such action can be fully justified. Such a waiver must be approved by both Department of the Army, as DOD executive agent, and the US Customs Service. In order to be appointed under such a waiver, the DOD employee concerned shall have undergone a National Agency Check, (NAC ) within the past 5 years, unless there has been a break in DOD employment greater than 1 year, in which case an updated NAC shall be conducted. Further, the DOD employee concerned shall have successfully completed a US Customs-approved training course, and have been recom-

mended for appointment by both the military coordinator and US Customs Advisor assigned to the area.

Note: The term Military Customs Inspector ( Excepted) (MCI (E) ) refers to an individual designated to perform specified customs functions by the Commissioner of Customs at US foreign clearance bases. MCI ( E )'s are not employed overseas and do not function under the auspices of the DOD Military Customs Inspection Program.

*m. Military Customs Inspection Team.* Any number of Military Customs Inspectors working as a group on a particular project, e.g., a unit move.

*n. US Customs Service Advisor.* A member of the US Customs Service who serves within an overseas command, normally on a 2-year tour of duty, under the direction and control of the Commissioner of Customs, to provide information, to assist in border clearance training aspects, and to serve as advisor to military commanders regarding their responsibilities under this regulation.

*o. Military Customs Staff Coordinator.* A member of an overseas command staff who advises overseas commanders on customs matters, develops local policy and programs, establishes training programs, conducts host nation liaison, monitors operations for effectiveness, etc. He/she is the point of contact for USCS advisors. He/she assists the advisors in reviewing the military customs operations and keeps them informed of military and host nation policy.

*p. Military impedimenta.* Equipment that is owned and controlled by a unit; carried on the unit property records; moved simultaneously or in conjunction with the unit personnel; and used by those personnel while participating in national emergencies, planned exercises, maneuvers, temporary duty, or permanent change of station.

*q. Overseas.* Outside the CTUS.

*r. Passengers.* DOD personnel, their dependents, and persons under the sponsorship of DOD using the DTS.

*s. Port of entry.* Any place at which customs and agriculture officers are assigned with au-

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thority to enforce the various provisions of customs and other applicable Federal laws, and where merchandise is entered and duty collected.

*t. Retail value.* The actual price paid for an article or the estimated cost in the country of origin or place of purchase expressed in US dollars.

*u. Sterile area.* An enclosed or protected area at origin or en route where passengers, baggage, and/or cargo are held to eliminate contact with, or intrusion by, unauthorized personnel,

or plant and animal products and pests, subsequent to customs inspection until embarkation/loading or reembarkation/reloading on transport for movement into the CTUS.

*v. Unaccompanied baggage.* As used "in this regulation, unaccompanied baggage is that portion of an individual's weight allowance of household goods which is normally shipped separately from the bulk of his household effects. In certain instances, such baggage may constitute the entire personal property shipment for the member (see JTR, vol 1, app J).